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Inventors: Vinegar et al.  
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PROCESSING OF A COAL  
FORMATION TO INCREASE  
PERMEABILITY/POROSITY  
OF THE FORMATION

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**AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 20, 2004**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 26 of this paper.